

## Blood-Stream Infection (CDC)

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Hello,

The Following are my comments on the Federal Register Vol 74 No. 211- Guidelines for Prevention of Intravascular Catheter-Related Infection-2009 Draft.

Thank you for your consideration.

**Line 1608-** Regarding the chlorhexidine preference for wiping the access ports, the SHEA guideline says use either CHG **or** Alcohol,. So if CDC recommends CHG, based on one study that it is superior to alcohol, then the change in practice may drive up costs, and actually prevent the practice from happening (based on my interviews with ICU staff). The part about "time to disinfect" has also been omitted, which according to some literature (Kaler/Chin), it is important.

**Line 1612-** Regarding the preferred statement on split septums; If split septums are not disinfected properly, infection will still occur. Injuries also occur while using split septums during the use of pointed devices.

Respectfully,

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